



The Whig



The monthly newsletter and source of information for the
St. Lucie River Chapter,
Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution

December 2014

President's Salvo



Gentlemen,

At the December meeting, we honored retiring Fort Pierce Chief of Police Sean Baldwin with the Good Citizenship Medal. Also, from the St. Lucie County Fire District, we honored Lt. Thomas L. Mikovsky with the Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Lt. Mark Cristaldi with the EMS Commendation Medal.

Membership is increasing. George Enz was sworn in in December, and we anticipate swearing in 3 more members in January, two of whom are under 5. (That is 5 and it is not a typo.) And only 4 members have yet to pay their dues. We seek 100%.

December has been a wonderful month of giving. Our little food drive sent 72 pounds of canned goods to the St. Lucie Food Bank. We had a presence at the Pearl Harbor observance December 7 in Port St. Lucie, and again at the Fort Pierce Christmas parade. Great work by Jay and many others

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December Meeting Highlights

The St. Lucie Chapter, FLSSAR, had the honor of presenting several awards to outstanding individuals at the recent meeting.

Chapter President John Auld introduced St. Lucie County Fire District Chief Nate Spera, who commended Lt. Thomas L. Mikovsky and Lt. Mark Cristaldi for their exceptional service.

St. Lucie County Fire District Lt. Thomas L. Mikovsky was presented the Fire Safety Commendation Medal. Mrs. Tonya Mikovsky pinned the medal on her husband. Lt. Mikovsky's parents and son James were in attendance.



From left to right: President John Auld, Lt. Thomas Mikovsky, Lt. Mark Cristaldi, and Chief of Police Sean Baldwin

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The St. Lucie River Chapter, FLSSAR, also had the honor of inducting a new member at the December meeting. We are delighted to welcome Gregory Enz as a chapter member. Gregory Enz is descended from Shubael Crowell, a Sergeant in Captain Hedge's Company, Colonel Freeman's Regiment from Massachusetts.

President John Auld with Compatriot Gregory Enz

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to create a float showing the signing of the Declaration of Independence. We joined in laying Wreaths at veteran's graves on Midway Road and in creating another Liberty Tree.

Join us at the Okeechobee DAR Chapter 20th Anniversary celebration at the Okeechobee County Public Library, 206 S.W. 16th Street, Okeechobee at 10 AM on February 7. Our chapter now has a fourth county, Okeechobee, and this will be an opportunity for us to show our colors and seek new members. Chuck McKinley will organize the car pools and our lunch break!

Please attend our meetings on the second Saturday of every month at Manero's in Palm City. Your hard working board and officers needs your input as to what presentations you want.

Sincerely,

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Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance



The Chapter participated in the Pearl Harbor Day activities at the Port St. Lucie Veteran's Memorial Park at 7:55 AM on December 7th. Representatives of the chapter included Compatriots John Auld, Jay Wise, Joe Regan, Jack Irvin, and Chuck McKinley. The ceremony started with the call to attention, Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer for our honored and departed and injured veterans from that event, followed by a historic reading of events for that activity by Ron Knegshell. We then adjourned to the dock area. A 21 Gun Salute by the local chapter of the Marine Corps League was followed by a short prayer and then the flowers given to the participants were thrown into the St. Lucie River in the annual symbolic manner to conclude the event. Newly elected Mayor of Port Saint Lucie Greg Orevic and his wife were in attendance, and he stated that they will be at all local veterans' events in the future. It was also announced that the Marker area will be moved to the back of the lot on a point that will be on the river to better fit the event. Our SAR chapter is represented in local veterans organizations. We encourage members to attend all future veterans' events.

Liberty Tree Update

Our Chapter Liberty Tree Program Committee has completed the first step for the dedication of the first Liberty Tree in St. Lucie County. With the help of Compatriots Jay Wise, Joe Regan, John Sheppard, Chuck McKinley, Elizabeth Bowen (President of the Fort Pierce Women's Club), and her husband Dr. Bob and son Garrett, the tree was planted on December 20 at the Women's Club in Fort Pierce, and is growing daily thanks to the patience and attention of Compatriot Wise.

The committee is preparing and coordinating a program and handout for the dedication ceremony on the 24th of January 2015 at 10 a.m. We request that chapter members attend in Colonial attire, if possible.

We have requested a proclamation from the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners declaring this "Liberty Tree Day". We anticipate the BOC approving this proclamation at its regular meeting at 9 AM on January 20. SAR officers will attend. Further information and pictures are available on the Fort Pierce Women's Club Facebook page and by clicking [here](#).

Vice President Chuck McKinley, FLSSAR Liberty Tree Committee chair, has led our Chapter Liberty Tree Committee in completing a new database of all known Liberty Trees in Florida. Our chapter currently has Liberty Trees at a park in Jensen Beach and at the Veterans Park in Okeechobee.



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Fort Pierce Christmas Parade

The Chapter participated in the Annual Fort Pierce Christmas Parade on December 7. This public parade has been a Chapter activity in the past, so we re-initiated this activity and look forward to continuing participation in this parade in the future. It provides a good representation of what our organization is about. We had some members ride on the float in Colonial and Militia uniforms. Participants on the float included Compatriots Jay Wise, Hall Riediger, Carl Wade, and Jack Irvin. The trailer depicted the signing of the Constitution and was borne with various flags of that time period and a table with the concept of signing the Declaration of Independence. The duty driver of the truck was Compatriot Chris Wade, with riders Joe Regan and Chuck McKinley. Compatriot Wise utilized his skills from the past in arranging for the trailer and putting together a good scheme of what the signing of the



From left to right: Compatriots Hall Riediger, Carl Wade, and Jack Irvin



From left to right: Compatriots Chuck McKinley, Hall Riediger, Carl Wade, Jack Irvin, Chris Wade, Jay Wise, and Joe Regan.

Declaration of Independence looked like. Jay also coordinated the preparation of the activities. Compatriots John Auld and Oscar Kraehenbuehl also helped us on Saturday with putting the float together. Our float was number six and we were at the front of the parade right behind the Christmas Queen float. From start to finish, it was great to see so many people. Our float was well recognized by the community for what it stood for as they clapped, pointed to our float, and often saluted the flags. This was the best reception ever at one of these events. We hope to do more activities like this and to promote the name and goals of the SAR to our local communities.

Okeechobee DAR Chapter 20th Anniversary



Some of our officers will attend the 20th anniversary of the Okeechobee DAR chapter on February 7 at 10:00 AM. If you would like to join us and car pool, please contact Chuck McKinley. Here is a compacted copy of their invitation:

The Okeechobee Chapter, FSSDAR, would like to invite the members of FLSSAR to our February 7, 2015 meeting. We will be celebrating our 20th anniversary. It would be an honor to have you join us.

We also will invite any men in Okeechobee who might be interested in SAR, approximately 4 - 6 so far. A presentation of what SAR does would be most appropriate.

Meeting is at 10:00 am - 11:00 am (doors open at 9:30) at the Okeechobee County Public Library, 206 S.W.16th Street. (2 short blocks W of Parrott Ave. US441-98 behind the former TD Bank). The Conference Room is to the right off the entrance lobby. Blessings for a 2015 filled with all good things.

Sue George Regent, Okeechobee Chapter FSSDAR. 863-763-0266

We already have a commitment from some of our officers and we are also thinking of taking some of our spouses and then later go to lunch at a good restaurant in the area after the meeting as it appears not to be a dinner meeting. Please let us know so we can coordinate the numbers and the logistics on getting there and the times to do so for travel. Colonial Attire would be most welcome. Okeechobee County is now in our territory for members as directed by the State President so whatever we can do to help them and recruit for the SAR is a good thing for all.

Chapter Christmas Food Drive



We wish to thank chapter members who participated in the Annual Christmas Food Drive. Once again the Treasure Coast Food Bank was thankful for our participation. Our total donation accounted for 72 pounds of food this year. Our thanks also go to Compatriots John Sheppard for the wonderful boxes and signs, and to Jack Irvin and Chuck McKinley for taking the time to transport these donations to the center.

Four Chaplains Service

The annual Four Chaplains Service from the Dorchester will be held on February 1, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Port St. Lucie on Savona Boulevard. Chapter members usually attend and we request members to wear Colonial attire, if possible. As you may know, during World War II, the USAT Dorchester, a civilian cruise ship converted for military use as a troop transport, was torpedoed and sank by German submarine off the coast of Newfoundland on 3 Feb 1943 with some 900 troops on board; about 230 were saved. The ship lost power and could not signal anyone and was ill prepared for the disaster. The four Army Chaplains gave their life jackets to the men so they could be saved and then went down with the ship. Many of the various local veterans groups participate in this service as we do. We will gather at 2:30 on February 1 and march in together. Spouses are invited and encouraged to attend. We look forward to your participation.

Events Calendar

January 10, 2015: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City * Headquarters, Louisville, Kentucky

January 24: Liberty Tree dedication ceremony, Fort Pierce Women's Club, 10 a.m.

January 30-31: Winter 2015 BOM Meeting, Orlando.
Host Region is North Central Region.

February 1: Four Chaplains Service, First Congregational Church, Savona Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, 3 p.m.

February 14: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City *

February 16: President's Day

March 6-7: Spring Leadership Meeting, NSSAR

March 14: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City *

April 11: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City *

May 6-8: Spring 2015 BOM/Annual Meeting, Orlando.
Host Region is TBD.

May 9: Regular Meeting, Manero's, Palm City *

May 25: Memorial Day

July 4: Independence Day

** Regular meetings start at 11:30 am unless noted.*

Editor's Note

This edition of The Whig closes out the calendar year 2014. We look forward to even bigger and better things in the future. We encourage all members to participate in activities and to contribute their suggestions or ideas for the future.

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Patriots on Parade

Starting in November, we began the Patriots on Parade Presentations by our chapter Compatriots as requested by our President John Auld. All members are requested to prepare a short story about their patriot and present it at the meetings every month. It does not need to be a long formal briefing/presentation, but a hard copy is also needed to put these in the Whig, and we are also looking into putting them onto the chapter web page. Our web page will be updated in the future and have a listing of all known patriots from the original applications as well as supplementals. These will be listed by Surname only of the patriot, rank and state that they served in. There will be no personal information included. We do at times get hits on our web page if a person happens to see a familiar surname. It often results in a new membership application, if not to our chapter, but where a web page visitor resides.

Patriot Frederick Wise/Weis

From compatriot Jay Wise

My patriots history started in the colonies when an immigrant from Germany, Andreas/Andrew Weis/Wise arrived in Philadelphia in 1732 at the age of 22. He settled and married in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania a few miles south of Allentown, where he raised his family. My patriot, Frederick Wise/Weis, was the son of Andreas/Andrew/Weis/Wise. My supplemental patriots were John Latta of PA and Ezechial Olmstad, and Elnathan Scofield of New York.

Both my Mother and Father had ancestors leading back to several Colonial patriots. Quoted from Montgomery County, PA Historical Records, "These two men, William Antes and Frederick Wise were among the obscure patriots of their time". There are several references to the two Antes brothers following.

From the Historical Society of Montgomery County, PA Historical Sketches Volume 3, page 3: Col Frederick Antes received commission May 6, 1777. He served Trenton to Brandywine, Paoli, Battle of Germantown, until the army went into winter quarters at Valley Forge 1777 and 1778, as the 6th Battalion of 8 companies. These companies were drawn from townships of Philadelphia, now Montgomery, Douglass, Frederick, Limerick, Marlborough, New Hanover, Upper Hanover, Perkimen and Salford, Frederick Weiss/Wise served as Lt. Col. under Lt. Col. Antes and he was in the above listed campaign with him until Valley Forge. I don't know if he stayed at Valley Forge or went home.

Frederick Wise of Douglas Township in 1778 was engaged in buying horses to provide George Washington's army with horses for the coming campaign. Frederick Wise was a Lt. Col. of the militia battalion in which the two Antes brothers were officers. Wise sent word that horses were very scarce in his locality but he had been able to obtain nine at 100- 300 pounds each.

Lt. Col Wise also served in the 4th Battalion, 2nd company, Philadelphia County militia again under Lt. Col. Antes. In 1778 he was in the Fourth Battalion, Philadelphia County Militia Regiment of Foot in the service of the United States Army, commanded by William Dean, Philadelphia Dec 22, 1778, he also was in the Third Company, of Capt Frederick Beiteman, as Captain 5th Class Frederick Wise. In 1778, following the departure of the British from PA, when the state government instituted the determined measures to confiscate the property of those who had shown sympathy for the enemy, William Antes, the brother of Lt. Col Frederick Antes was made the agent for the seizure of such property and was General Washington's financial aide. It was also noted that George Washington lived in William Antes house.

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Patriot George Hinriech Holter

From recently passed member Glenn Schubert, presented by his widow Edna at our November meeting.

Compatriot Glen Schubert---Patriot George Hinriech Holter - born 1750 in a parish of Romerike District about 20 miles north of Oslo Norway. His mother's name was Siffria and father's name was Rosencrant. At the age of 16 George went to Coblenz, Germany and worked in a vineyard. He earned enough money to pay his passage to America. In 1868, he landed in the port of Annapolis Maryland. From there he went directly to Frederick County Maryland to settle among many German immigrants already in that area. His brothers John and Abraham immigrated with him. In Feb 4th 1776, George married Margete Arnold. Margete was born in 1755 and was the daughter of Conrad and Solone Arnold.

Margete complained that George was absent too much of the time but he still managed to father nine (9) children with her. George was first called to muster (report) on October 26, 1780 in the 6th battalion of North Hampton County Pennsylvania Militia. He was listed as private 2nd class, a substitute for Tobias Wher. In 1790 George was listed as a Captain in the Pennsylvania Militia 7th regiment. At some point, after Benedict Arnold turned traitor, George and his brothers were arrested and tried for treason. Margete Arnold and her family had no connection, and were not related to Benedict Arnold, so George and his brothers were eventually acquitted.

This information was found in a family Bible owned by one of George's daughters. In a church in Frederick Maryland a bronze plaque denotes George's military service. In 1798, George died of pneumonia at the age of 48.

George Holter Jr. defended Baltimore from the British in the War of 1812. As a veteran, George Jr. was given a land grant in the territory of Ohio. He brought his family down the Ohio River on a flat boat and settled in Meigs County in eastern Ohio.

George Holter's grandson was Daniel Holter and was in the Meigs County Ohio Volunteer Militia in eastern Ohio and fought for the north. Consequently, in July 1863, the confederate General John Hunt Morgan took his brigade from Kentucky north into Indiana then east above Cincinnati and raided east and parallel to the Ohio River. "Morgan's Plan" was to divert the northern federal troops that were fighting in the south (Kentucky and Tennessee area) and divert them north causing panic and disruption among the federal troops in Ohio. The Ohio Militia took up defense positions on Buffington Island on the Ohio River that separate Ohio from West Virginia. Buffington Island was a ford and the only place that confederates could cross into West Virginia. When the confederates reached the island they were driven back by Daniel and his volunteer militia. In the course of the conflict, the confederate horses were ridden to exhaustion. Now the confederate rebels stole farm horses and left their horses behind. After the conflict many farmers found that the horses left behind by the confederates were a much better breed of horses and the farmers came out ahead. These patriot warriors that we honor here in the S.A.R have left giant footprints in the "sands of time". They gave us our freedom that we must honor and defend. If we ignore it will slip away.

Reference: The Longest Raid of the Civil War by Lester V. Horowitz

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Minutes

December 13, 2014

Call to order: 12:05 PM

Invocation: JAY WISE

Pledge of Allegiance: JOHN SHEPPARD

Pledge to the SAR: CHARLES MCKINLEY

"We, descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution, who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of Liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe."

Minutes of previous meeting: in WHIG, November, 2014.

Motion to approve: JOHN SHEPPARD Second: JAY WISE

Motion carried.

Members Present: Chuck McKinley, John Auld, John Sheppard, Carl Wise, Tom Barnhardt, Bud Rockhill, Jay Wise, Bill Hartley, Joe Leinbach, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Jack Irvin, Joe Regan, Tom Barnhardt, Walter Sawyer.

GUESTS:

Spouses: Lindy Wise, Susan Auld, Jan Barnhardt

St. Lucie County Fire District: Lt. Mikovsky, Tonya Mikovsky (spouse), James Mikovsky (son), parents Mr. and Mrs. Mikovsky, Lt. Mark Cristaldi, Amy Cristaldi (spouse), Catherine Chaney, District Chief Nate Spera.

Fort Pierce Police Chief Sean Baldwin.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER:

Gregory Enz, a descendant of Shubael Crowell, a Sergeant in Captain Hedge's Company, Freeman's Regiment, was introduced and sworn in as a new SAR member.

RECESS FOR LUNCH. CALLED MEETING BACK TO ORDER.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Sheppard reported for Chris Wade, Treasurer, the following:

Checking account balance: \$3578.86

Money Market balance: \$6110.73

Dues for 2015 continue to trickle in.

OLD BUSINESS: The SLRSAR BOM proposed two changes to the Constitution. The first reading was at the October meeting, the second at the November meeting.

Pursuant to our By Laws, these two changes to our Constitution have been duly approved by the SLRSAR Chapter:

Change Article II by adding Okeechobee County.

Change Article VII to read: At all Chapter meetings, nine (9) members shall constitute a quorum, of whom at least three (3) must be officers.

Award Presentations:

1. FIREFIGHTER AWARD PRESENTED TO LT. THOMAS L. MIKOVSKY OF THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT. Mrs. Tonya Mikovsky pinned the medal on her husband.

2. EMS COMMENDATION MEDAL PRESENTED TO LT. MARK CRISTALDI OF THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT. Mrs. Amy Cristaldi pinned the medal on her husband.

President Auld introduced District Fire Chief Nate Spera who commended Lt. Mikovsky and Lt. Cristaldi for their exceptional service.

3. The Good Citizenship Award was presented by President Auld to retiring Fort Pierce Police Chief Sean Baldwin, who thanked him for his long and excellent service to the Fort Pierce community. Chief Baldwin addressed his remarks to the changing nature of law enforcement in today's society.

Information and Announcements:

All officer and committee reports now appear in the WHIG.

Chuck McKinley was appointed as Chair of the FLSSAR Veteran's Battalion.

Hall Riediger has been elected Secretary of the FLSSAR.

Riediger has been appointed SLRSAR color guard commander.

50/50 drawing: \$15 to Joe Regan.

Guy's Duck amount: \$33.

Next meeting dates:

January 10: Maneros at 11:30 am. Warning: Under "New Business" a motion will be made to approve a Nominating Committee with Hall Riediger as Chair and John Sheppard and Joe Regan as members.

February 14: Bring your Valentine and treat her to lunch at Manero's.

Benediction: Jay Wise.

SAR Recessional:

"Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights and independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free men."

Adjourned 1:48 PM

Yours, Tom Gilmore, Secretary



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President's Brigade

Those Compatriots whose extra financial support allows the Chapter to go the extra mile in it's efforts throughout the year. Please, if at all possible, help us out with a little extra.

Gold Medal

Support of \$50 and above

Silver Medal

Support of \$25 and above

Bronze Medal

Support up to \$24